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Tues, June 2 – Joseph actor Craig Chalmers tried on some Technicolor Dreamcoats made by pupils at NSG



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THOUSANDS of people across Northamptonshire were due to vote in both local council and European elections today.

The vote will decide who runs Northamptonshire County Council, which provides such vital services as schools, roads maintenance and social care, and also who represents the area on the European Parliament.

The battle to take control of the 73 seats at County Hall was being fought by a total of eight different political parties as well as a number of independent candidates.

More than 60 people were also fighting for the six seats which represent the East Midlands on the European Parliament.

Results of the county council election will be revealed on Friday night while the Euro result will be announced on Sunday evening.

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Search goes on for man in water

SPECIALIST officers say they are doing all they can to find the body of a man who has been missing in Northamptonshire since last Tuesday.

Steven Vernon was jogging around Sywell Reservoir when it is understood he decided to go for a swim. He has not been seen since.

Police search teams have been scanning the water from the banks, boats and the force helicopter. In the initial stages of the search, police also deployed men in a boat with state-of-the-art sonar devices to scan the water.

Insp Pete Chisholm said: "The public expect squads and divers but the area a diver can cover is limited. We have 60 acres to search; sonar is far quicker.

"We are doing everything we can to bring a resolution to this."

Mark Burnett, an officer with the Spartan Rescue team brought in to help in the waterborne search, said the minimal initial search had helped to avoid unduly disturbing the water and could help to ensure a successful resolution of the search.

Mr Vernon, a 19-year-old scaffolder, had been working since 5am on the day he disappeared.

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FRIENDS and family wait anxiously at the arrivals doors at Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport after it was announced an Air France Airbus A330 was missing between Rio de Janeiro and Paris yesterday. The jet carrying 228 people hit strong turbulence and reported electrical problems before losing contact with air traffic controllers.



FARYL Smith performs prior to kick off during the FA Cup Final at Wembley, London, on Saturday. (Picture Nick Potts/PA Wire)



GARDEN designer Ann Burns is pictured putting the finishing touches to her show garden at the Gardening Scotland show at the Royal Highland Centre in Inverness, Edinburgh this week.

(Picture: David Cheskin/PA Wire)

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Farewell to the leader

MORE than 2,000 people congregated at the Jesus Centre in Northampton to see the thanksgiving funeral for Jesus Army leader Noel Stanton erupt into song.

Mick Haines, who will now step into the leader's shoes, led the ceremony in the town centre on Saturday, where the nine religious songs Mr Stanton chose before his death were sung in the order he specified.

Screens were set up around the centre displaying the celebrations, tributes and readings as the number of people attending was too large for the room to hold.

Mr Haines told the congregation: "Noel would want this to be a joyful occasion of celebration, so it's a praising atmosphere."

"His heart was to the people of Northampton. This is a very significant day for the history of Northampton and the history of the Jesus Army."

He said Mr Stanton was "very keen" to hold the thanksgiving service at the Jesus Centre so that anyone who wanted to come to the funeral could do so.

As the gathering sang the songs chosen by their leader, they clapped their hands, stamped their feet and sang louder as the



■ People gathered at the Jesus Army centre to pay their last respects to Jesus Army founder Noel Stanton

songs went on.

A video showing footage of Mr Stanton baptising people and giving speeches throughout his career, including his final speech at the Jesus Centre before he stepped down in April, was projected onto the screens, after which there was a standing ovation lasting nearly a minute.

The ceremony was followed by a procession led with the hearse carrying Mr Stanton's coffin, which travelled around Northampton town centre, towards Kislbury and to Bugbrooke, where they laid his body to rest at the Jesus Army graveyard.

Charity race's perfect day

THE first Rotary Race Day was blessed with sunshine as families gathered around the Racecourse near the town centre, cheering each other on.

Rotary Clubs across Northamptonshire hosted four races for the event yesterday: a 10km race for adults, a 200m race for children under eight, a 400m race for children between nine and 11, and a six-mile relay race for teams of six of any age.

Towcester Rotary Club member, Steve Howe, who helped organise the event, said the clubs were hoping to raise thousands of pounds for Macmillan

Cancer Care and the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

He said: "It's perfect with the weather; we couldn't have asked for better. It's a family event that we are hoping to run every year, and hopefully each year it will get bigger."

Head of fundraising for Macmillan, Lisa Donald, aged 39, was also there to cheer her husband, Bruce, aged 38, to the finish line.

She said: "We are being supported all this year by Rotary so we are here to support them in their efforts."



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Balloon festival will still be held

THE Northampton Balloon Festival has been saved by the owners of Billing Aquadrome, who have agreed to provide the facilities to host the event in August.

After suffering an overall loss of £177,000 on last year's balloon festival, Northampton Borough Council decided to scrap it as part of a cost-cutting budget announced in February.

But Pure Leisure Group has now stepped in to keep the historic event alive by agreeing to allow the organisers, the Chiltern Region of the British Balloon and Airship Club (CRBBAC), to use a large field in the grounds of the holiday park in Little Billing, Northampton, from August 14 until 16.

The balloon festival will involve morning and evening flights of up to 35 balloons from all over the UK and Europe, including a spectacular Saturday night "Evening Glow".

Billing Aquadrome's events organiser Karen Joseph said: "The

balloon festival has attracted hundreds of thousands of people to the area in recent times and we are really pleased to keep this Northampton tradition alive.

"With the investment that is being made in Billing Aquadrome's family-friendly facilities and projects like this, it is clear that Billing's owners take their responsibilities as custodians of this important part of Northamptonshire's tourism economy seriously."

Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for community engagement, Councillor Brendan Glynane (*Lib Dem, Delapre*) said it was "fantastic news" the balloon festival had been saved but said it was only likely to be at the holiday park for one year before returning to the Racecourse.

Councillor Glynane said: "There have been a number of companies interested in taking on the balloon festival. There are two companies who are interested in putting it on at the Racecourse, at no cost to the borough council, but they realised they could not do it for this year so they are working on a proposal for next year."

Councillor Glynane said council



Billing Aquadrome has stepped in to save the Northampton Balloon Festival, which had been scrapped by the borough council

officers would be working with staff at Billing Aquadrome to help them with the health and safety aspect of putting on the event including crowd control and vehicle parking.

He said: "It is a good demonstration of partnership work as we will be helping Billing Aquadrome to make the event happen."

The balloon festival at Billing Aquadrome will coincide with an American Car Show on the same weekend so pre-booking of camping and purchase of car park tickets is encouraged.

For more information on the events call Karen Joseph on Northampton 784948 or email Karen@aquadrome.co.uk or, alternatively, visit the website www.billingaquadrome.com.

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Action on roadside sales

A FINAL solution to illegal roadside car lots - which have blighted the lives of residents in Northampton for several years - has been launched by the borough council, police and Trading Standards.

The new Environmental Crime Team will target owners who try to sell their cars from the side of the road, and who often trade vehicles of suspect quality and leave buyers with an undriveable purchase.

As part of the scheme, notices of impending legal action will be put on car windscreens and detailed background checks will be made with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) to track down the registered owners.

Steve Elsey, head of public protection at the borough council, said the new attempt to clear the cars was part of a drive to improve the

environment in Northampton.

He said: "We will be taking tough action against any trader displaying cars for sale on public roads in Northampton and would advise people not to buy their cars from dodgy roadside dealers. If there is less demand for these cars then there will be a reduction in the number of these illegal traders."

"We can't solve this problem overnight but we will certainly be making it harder for these illegal traders to work in the town."

The lots first started appearing in 2004.

Last year, the council introduced three-hour parking limits on key routes to try to stop the traders, while two separate cases of vigilantism have been reported after disgruntled residents smashed car windows.

But the roadside lots have continued to spring up, particularly along Wellingborough Road on the corner of Abington Park, and along East Park Parade next to the Racecourse.

Borough councillor Scott Collins (*Lib Dem, Eastfield*), whose ward has been badly affected, said residents would welcome the new crackdown.

He said: "This has been the bane of people's lives for quite some time now, and I think the vast majority of residents will welcome this latest initiative. It can only be a positive to try to get these cars off the side of the road."

"Hopefully, the team will be sensible in issuing warnings and no innocent people will be targeted."

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Your View

What do you do to make the most of the great weather?

I like to have a couple of drinks in the garden and get a sun tan.

Fern Edwards, 21, a chef from The Mounts, Northampton



I enjoy it by not working and going to the beer garden down the pub.

Pete King, 27, a chef from Thorp-lands, Northampton



I just like to be outside in the sun. People can go out more when it's sunny.

Stephanie Kelly, 20, a student from Duston



I hide in the shade. I hate the sun - I'm a winter fan.

Marie Newberry, 18, a student from Daventry

Do you think Diversity should have won Britain's Got Talent?

Yes, they were different. The choreographer is very talented.

Tara Sherlock, aged 22, an accountant, from Bedfordshire



They were all right, but I just preferred saxophonist Julian Smith. He was kind of cool.

Chris Timms, aged 28, an accountant, from Grendon, Northants



They were good but I don't think they should have won.

Dan Fenn, aged 62, a builder, from Higham Ferrers, Rushden



Julian Smith should have won. I liked what he was playing, you could almost hear the words of the song.

Keith Warren, aged 74, Wellingborough

Crackdown on drink-driving

THE biggest ever drink driving campaign to be run by Northamptonshire Police has been launched by road safety officers this morning.

More than 30 co-ordinated roadside checks will take place throughout the month in an effort to stop people driving while over the limit, after hours spent enjoying the sunshine in beer gardens and parks around the county.

Weather forecasters have predicted this summer will see the county basking in sunshine, which traditionally results in more drink and drug-related driving accidents.

Supt Sean Bell, of Northamptonshire Police's operations tactical unit, advised motorists that the force would again be cracking down on drivers who were still over the limit "the morning after", as well as during the warm June evenings.

He said: "Many people are tempted to drink more than usual on long summer days and nights but drivers, and passengers, need to act responsibly at all times.

"Drinking or taking drugs and then getting behind the



Northamptonshire police have launched their biggest ever summer crackdown on drink driving today, with more than 30 roadside checks taking place this month alone

wheel of a car is totally irresponsible, as is allowing a friend or relative to drive when you know they may be under the influence.

"This year we are mounting one of our biggest ever enforcement and education campaigns to reinforce the message that drinking and driving will not be tolerated in Northamptonshire. Comprehensive roadside checks will be taking place and breath tests carried out on

all motorists committing moving traffic offences."

Police have also warned that motorists should avoid second-guessing legal alcohol limits, and instead stick to soft drinks if they know they will be getting behind the wheel.

"National studies show that if you drive at twice the legal alcohol limit you are at least 30 times more likely to cause a road crash than a driver who hasn't been drink-

ing," Supt Bell said.

"Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

"There is no foolproof way of drinking and staying under the limit, or of knowing how much an individual person can drink and still drive safely.

"The only safe option is not to drink alcohol if you plan to drive, and never offer an alcoholic drink to someone else who is intending to drive."

Petrol prices are rising again

PETROL prices for motorists in Northamptonshire could soon break the £1 mark again.

After hitting highs of more than £1.19.9 per litre of unleaded last July, prices began to drop at the end of the year to as low as 86p. But since January, they have once again risen and now the average price of petrol is today expected to rise above the £1 mark.

The price has risen by 15.6 per cent since the start of the year, when

unleaded was 86.1 pence per litre. The increase adds about £7.50 to the average-sized tank for a family car.

A third of petrol stations across the UK are already selling unleaded at £1 per litre or above, although prices in Northamptonshire are slightly lower.

Louise Doherty, spokesman for PetrolPrices.com, an online firm which helps motorists find the lowest prices in their area, said it was still possible for motorists to find cheaper fuel if they were prepared to

shop around online to find the best prices.

She said: "The average price of both unleaded and diesel has been creeping up as oil prices have started to rise again, but there are still a large number of stations selling unleaded below £1 a litre.

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Length of train will be doubled

COMMUTER trains from Northampton to London will be doubled in length to ease overcrowding following a high-profile campaign by long-suffering passengers.

Brian Binley, the Conservative MP for Northampton South, raised the issue with London Midland after several journeys to the capital on board the 9.05am service from Northampton, on which he found the overcrowding unacceptable.

After analysis of passenger numbers on board different services, the 9.05am train will have eight carriages, rather than four, from June 15.

London Midland informed Mr Binley of the decision at a meeting between the MP and the company's chief executive Steve Banaghan on Friday.

Mr Binley said: "I travel on that train in the mornings and it's diabolical. Passengers were complaining all the time, there were elderly people and mothers

with babies who couldn't get a seat. "The first thing they said at the meeting was that they had solved the problem and were going to turn it into an eight carriage train, which is absolutely great.

"At the moment you can't walk up and down the aisle and I believe that in terms of an emergency stop it could be very dangerous indeed. I'm really, really pleased and I give credit to London Midland because they recognised they weren't giving the level of service they wanted to."

A spokesman for London Midland said: "We acknowledge there was a problem and it has been good to work with Brian to resolve this issue. We are very pleased about it and it's something that we will be reviewing, as we analyse and review passenger numbers all the time."

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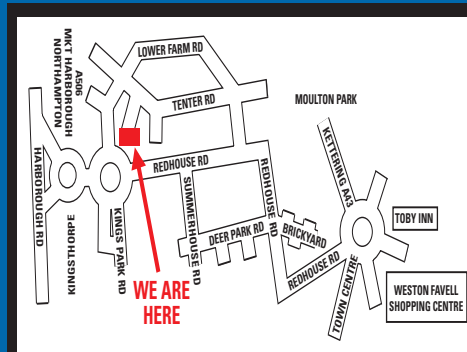
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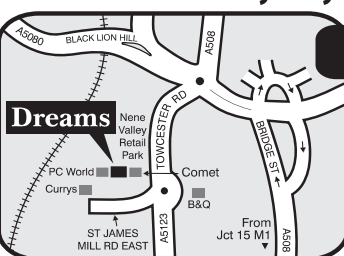
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MP defends a £15,000 claim

AN EXPENSES claim of more than £15,000 for leaflets, postcards and advertising literature has been defended by a Northampton MP.

At a public meeting at the Billing Road Conservative Club on Friday night, Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, gave voters hard copies of a detailed breakdown of his expense claims.

The document showed Mr Binley was ranked 20th out of 645 MPs for the amount he spent on his communications allowance for the year 2007/08.

But Mr Binley said the high spend on advertising material, including an annual calendar which was dropped through his constituents' doors, was justified because he felt it was important voters were aware of the ways they could get in touch with him.

Mr Binley said he believed his advertising campaign had worked because he had dealt with 5,700 cases since he was elected in 2005.

People who attended the meeting praised him for going through all his expense claims in detail.

Marijke Smith, of East Hunsbury, Northampton, said: "I came here

expecting to be quite hostile but I thought he was quite open and I admire him for that. He was on the defence and clearly very rattled by what has been going on.

"If he, who has got nothing to hide, is rattled then there must be some very interesting meetings in other parts of the country."

Tony Harding, of Duston, Northampton, said: "I think he came across as one of the more honest MPs as a lot of them have made criminal claims. "On face value, Brian Binley comes across as fairly straight."



■ Brian Binley MP held a public meeting about expenses

Foreign trips 'not junkets'

ACCUSATIONS that Brian Binley took advantage of "freebie" junkets to exotic destinations while on taxpayers' time have been strongly denied by the Northampton MP.

Concerns have been raised over "fact-finding" trips funded by foreign governments for members of all-party groups.

Mr Binley, Conservative MP for Northampton South, has been named among those who took the trips, going twice to the Maldives while secretary of the all-party Maldives group – whose purpose is to "work as a forum for those parliamentarians who wish to better understand the Maldives".

But he said the trips were carried out in his own time and were paid for by the Maldives Government. "I was specifically invited to attend to discuss the Maldives' election process, and we produced a report in seven days which directly impacted how they conducted their elections."

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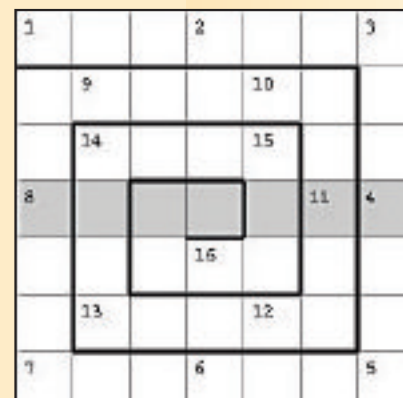
1. Sarah Beeny returns to Channel 4 with a new series, *Property Snakes And Ladders*, on Tuesday. What was the name of the series she fronted in which groups of neighbours decorated each other's houses?
2. Rory Bremner is back on Channel 4 on Sunday with more biting satire in *The Last Show Before The Recovery*. What are the surnames comedy partners the two Johns?
3. There are wedding bells in *Holby City* next Tuesday for Patsy Kensit's character Faye. But what was the name of the scheming businesswoman she played in *Emmerdale*?
4. Graham Norton brings us new entertainment show *Totally Saturday* from June 6 on BBC One. Before he became known as a presenter, he appeared in numerous episodes of sitcom *Father Ted*. What was the name of his character?
5. Matt Lucas stars in spoof fantasy *Krod Mandoon And The Flaming Sword Of Fire*, which begins on BBC Two next Thursday. What was the name of the baby character he played in *Shooting Stars*?

WHAT year is this?

1. Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan had a No 1 hit with *Especially For You*
2. Stefan Edberg beat Boris Becker in the men's singles competition at Wimbledon
3. Francois Mitterrand became French president for the second time
4. The controversial documentary *Death On The Rock* was screened



WORD Spiral



Starting from 1, fill in the grid in a clockwise direction. The last letter of each four-letter answer is the first letter of the next word. A correct grid will reveal a seven-letter key word.
CLUES: 1. Poses a question 2. Halt 3. Chrysalis 4. Minute particle 5. Intend 6. Unguis 7. Lighting device 8. Mutual agreement 9. Group of three 10. Cry of pain 11. Detest 12. Test taken at school 13. Principal 14. Signals agreement 15. Card game 16. Paratrooper, informally. **Key word clue:** Fish type

ANSWERS:
 WORD SPIRAL - 1. Asks 2. Stop 3. Pupa 4. Atom 5. Mean 6. Nail 7. Lamp 8. Pact 9. Trio 10. Ouch 11. Hate 12. Exam 13. Main 14. Nods 15. Snap 16. Para. Key word solution:
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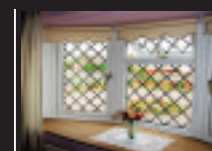
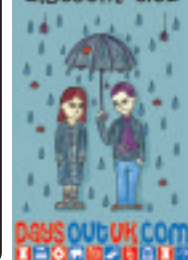
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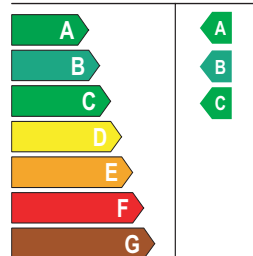


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A GROUP of house builders has agreed to provide the £25 million needed to construct the A45 bypass around Weedon, Flore and Upper Heyford.

The Danetree Consortium, made up of the six companies who plan to build 5,150 homes to the east of Daventry, has submitted proposals to Northamptonshire County Council and the Highways Agency to provide funding for the new road.

People living in the villages of Flore, Weedon and Upper Heyford have been calling for the area to be by-passed because of the high volume of traffic in the area, which is the main link between

Northampton and Daventry.

A statement by the Danetree Consortium said: "The new bypass will provide much-needed relief to the villages of Flore and Weedon, which are heavily trafficked with up to 15,000 vehicles using the A45 through the villages on a daily basis, of which 10 per cent are HGVs.

At its board meeting this week, the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) is expected to award £400,000 to the road plan, which will be used to kick start the project and begin the process needed to put together plans for the road.

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■ Northamptonshire Chief Constable Peter Maddison claimed only £200

Police chief claims among lowest in UK

THE outgoing chief constable of Northamptonshire Police has posted one of the lowest expenses claims of all senior officers in the country, claiming just £200 in 10 months.

Following the ongoing row about the way MPs have used taxpayers' money to fund duck houses, moat cleaning and dry rot, the spotlight has now turned on the leaders of the 43 police forces in England and Wales.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) warned forces could face a legal challenge in the High Court if they failed to reveal details of their chief constables' claims online for public scrutiny.

Northamptonshire Police's top officer Peter Maddison is one of 30 chief constables to have issued details of their claims on force websites and has proved to be one of the most thrifty with claims for just £209 between January and October last year.

Only one chief constable, Keith Bristow in Warwickshire, claimed a smaller amount.

Mr Maddison, who will be leaving the force next month to take up a post with the Association of Chief Police Officers, said all of his expense claims were published online according to guidelines.

He said: "I disclose all of my expense claims and only claim what is needed to do my job thoroughly on behalf of the people of Northamptonshire."

The details of Mr Maddison's expenses show he made six claims in total. The largest single claim, of £73.25, was made for a "contribution to regional retirement dinner". Others included £37.66 for refreshments during a conference and a £19 train ticket to Nottingham.

It compares well with chief constables from Northamptonshire's most similar forces. David Whatton, of Cheshire Police, claimed £1,500 while Stephen Otter, of Devon and Cornwall, received more than £11,000 in taxpayers' cash.

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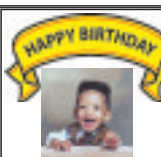
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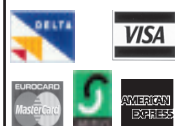


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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - -
SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE A45 TRUNK ROAD (BRACKMILLS INTERCHANGE,
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) EASTBOUND
EXIT SLIP ROAD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
ORDER 200

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A45 Trunk Road at Northampton in Northamptonshire to provide a safe working environment during resurfacing works to the eastbound exit slip road at Brackmills Interchange.

It is expected that the works would begin on, or after, Wednesday 24 June 2009 and last for approximately 3 nights (9pm - 6am Monday to Friday nights). The Order would come into force on 22 June 2009 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The effect of the Order would be to close the A45 eastbound exit slip road leading to Brackmills Interchange, diverting vehicles to continue along the A45 to Barnes Meadow Interchange where they would return westbound to exit at Brackmills Interchange.

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THE A43 TRUNK ROAD (GRAND UNION CANAL WALK,
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(TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED
RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 200

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A43 Trunk Road at Rothersthorpe in Northamptonshire to provide a safe working environment during footpath improvement works to the A43 Grand Union Canal Walk.

It is expected that the works would begin on, or after, Tuesday 23 June 2009 and last for approximately 11 nights (8pm - 5am Mondays to Saturdays). The Order would come into force on 22 June 2009 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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NEWS at a glance

Drink-drive campaign

POLICE forces around the UK are embarking on a "relentless campaign" to crack down on drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs, it was announced this week.

Officers are to carry out more stop checks to prevent intoxicated or drugged up motorists taking the wheel, said the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

The association says nearly 3,000 people are killed on the roads each year and about 500 of the deaths are drink and drug related. An ACPO spokeswoman said: "Year on year we have seen an increase in the number of people breath tested.

"We are doing more roadside stop and check operations than ever before, at all times of the day and night and on all types of road."

Kent Police, which arrests 250 people a month for drink-driving offences, says it is trying to target young motorists to prevent them from drink or drug driving in the first place.

A spokesman said police were focusing on things which mattered to young people – "their appearance and job prospects" – to warn motorists if they drive while impaired they risk losing more than their licence.

The campaign, which began this week, will see forces around the country performing more stop checks, testing all drivers who appear to be under the influence.

Fuel economy is the key to the new 407

GETTING an edge on the competition in the closely fought medium range car market isn't easy but by fitting the 1.6-litre HDI diesel engine to the 407, Peugeot has given its family saloon a fighting chance. 57.7mpg and 129g/km is the bottom line and that may be enough to seal the deal for buyers looking to control their costs.

The 407 is Peugeot's entrant in the fiercely competitive medium range family car sector. It's where the likes of Ford's Mondeo, Vauxhall's Insignia, Renault's Laguna, Volkswagen's Passat and numerous others compete to mop up sales which are mainly derived from the fleets and company car user choosers. In this market, a car's performance on the balance sheet is as important as its performance on the road and Peugeot is confident that the 407 HDI 110 will excel in this area.

109bhp from a 1.6-litre diesel engine doesn't sound like a huge amount when the task in hand is shifting the sizable 407. Torque of 244Nm from 1,750rpm will help avoid progress becoming too feeble but straight line speed isn't what this car is all about. The 0-60mph sprint takes 11.7s and 119mph is the top speed, which is unspectacular and along the lines of what you can expect from the other entry-level oil-burners in this class.

Peugeot's confidence in the viability of the 1.6-litre HDI 110 engine in the 407 is underlined by its availability across the entire range of trim levels. Even the standard S models get luxuries like climate control, cruise control with a speed limiter, remote central locking and a trip computer. Only the front windows are electric

but the list of safety kit is comprehensive and includes ESP stability control. Above the S sits the SR which adds satellite navigation and alloy wheels and above that, it's the Sport but given the cost-cutting remit of this engine, the S level is likely to be a popular choice. The 407 HDI 110 is available in saloon and SW estate forms.

It's fuel economy and emissions that Peugeot will be banking on to secure its business on this particular 407. Given the car's size and weight, 57.6mpg is a strong showing that very few rivals can better. Emissions of 129g/km mean that tax bills will be agreeably light too. It's not only the engine that gives rise to the 407's par-

simony. The car is also fitted with Michelin Energy Saver low rolling resistance tyres and an electro-hydraulic power steering system that gives fuel-saving advantages compared to standard systems which are powered by the engine.

CO2 is big business for car manufacturers these days with the public increasingly switched on to the benefits of running a car that pumps less of it into the atmosphere. Company car drivers potentially have the most to gain from running a cleaner vehicle and it's these buyers that Peugeot is targeting with the 407 HDI 110.

The car is up against some stiff competition in the medium range sector

although competent, it generally fails to stand out. With this small capacity diesel engine installed, however, Peugeot's effort gains some handy leverage to use against its rivals. Few family saloons are this efficient and efficiency is only going to be pushed higher up the agenda, especially for cars like the 407.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

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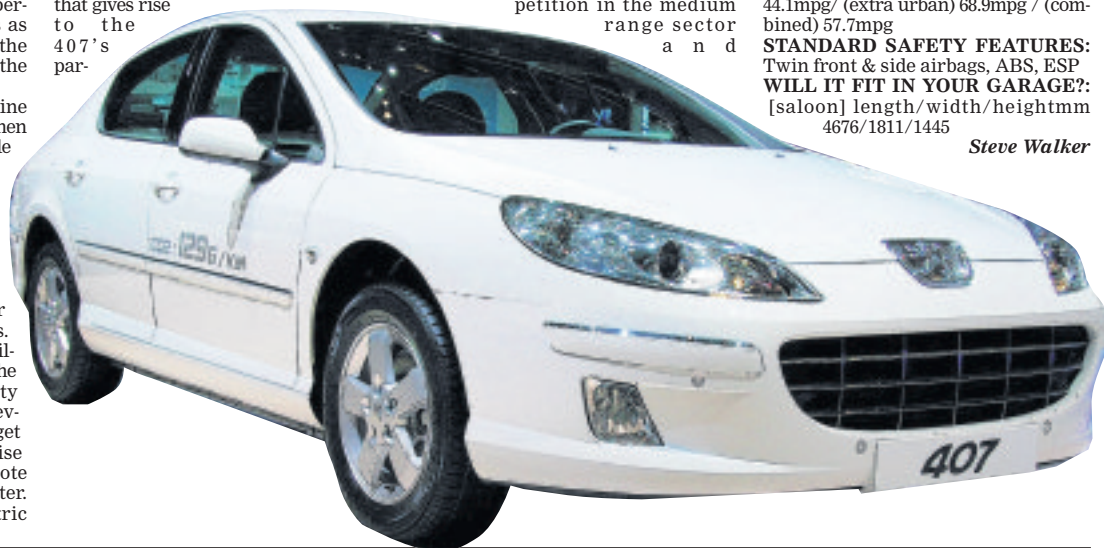
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Barry shock for Villa
Tues, June 3 – Gareth Barry surprised Aston Villa fans when he signed for Manchester City not Liverpool as many predicted

Hughes weighs up the options

COBBLERS defender Mark Hughes has a little over a week to decide whether to stay at Sixfields and help the side to bounce back to the Coca-Cola League One at the first attempt.

Hughes has until June 16 to make a decision on the contract offered to him by the club, although if he does put pen to paper it will mean taking a pay cut.

But manager Stuart Gray is eager for Hughes to agree the deal and form a solid partnership with new-signing Craig Hinton at the heart of the Cobblers defence next season.

"We've lost Chris Doig and I'm waiting on Mark Hughes but he's within his rights to take his time," said Gray this week.

"You've got to have a few things teed up but in an ideal world Mark will re-sign and form a defensive partnership with Craig Hinton."

One factor that may be in the club's favour in the negotiations with Hughes is that the player could well be offered the Cobblers' captaincy.

The 22-year-old would also benefit from playing alongside a much more experienced head in Hinton, who has played more than 370 games at senior level, and whose injury record suggests he could be relied on to be a regular.

Gray said that his recruitment criteria would now change from experience to youthful enthusiasm, and he confirmed he had no plans to bring in a second senior goalkeeper at this stage.

Chris Dunn, who finished a difficult first season in the professional ranks with some classy displays, will go into the forthcoming campaign as first-choice keeper at Sixfields, with untried youngster Paul Walker as his back-up.

"The goalkeeping situation isn't a priority at the moment because you can always go out and get a goalkeeper on loan," said Gray.

"But if something comes up and it's within the budget then I'll have a look at it because Chris needs pushing like everyone else needs pushing."

"Hopefully Paul Walker will develop, and I would think he's chomping at the bit to get some first-team football just like Dunny was 12 months ago."



■ Mark Hughes was disappointed (above) as Northampton Town's relegation was sealed with defeat at Leeds United last month, but if he stays he could partner experienced defender Craig Hinton (inset) who has now joined the Sixfields squad

We must believe in ourselves, says Euan

THE British & Irish Lions must generate an atmosphere of self-belief if they are to succeed in South Africa, according to the Saints' sole representative on the tour, Euan Murray.

The Lions got off to a shaky start with a far-from-convincing 37-25 win over a Royal XV last Saturday.

Murray – who was due to start on the bench in last night's clash with the Golden Lions in Johannesburg – wasn't picked for the tour opener after helping Saints win the European Challenge Cup seven days earlier, but head coach Ian McGeechan has promised to give every player a full game in the first three matches.

That means Murray should get his first start on Saturday against the Cheetahs.

And the 28-year-old Scot reckons they have to pick up some early momentum to build the confidence needed to topple the world champions in three Tests and secure the Lions' first series win for 12 years.

Murray said: "This tour is all about self-belief. We have to believe we can win and when we get on top we stay on top. Rugby is a mental game."

"The desire to win comes from inside. Wins, no matter how they come, give everyone a boost and give every Lion confidence and momentum going into the Test matches."

"The whole squad must have the attitude of winning and we can't win as individuals, you can only win as a team."

"If people want to be remembered after their rugby career is over, then let's be remembered as the squad that went over and won in South Africa."

Murray's biggest rival for the tight-head spot in the Test side is likely to be England's Phil Vickery.

But if McGeechan is looking for proven strength in the scrum then he should look no further than Murray, who was man-of-the-match when Scotland lost to South Africa in November.

"The forwards were the hardest I had ever faced, the biggest, fastest and strongest. I felt weight in the scrum I hadn't felt before. They are a massive physical challenge," he said.

